

CITY OF MILPITAS
A P P R O V E D M I N U T E S

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Minutes:	Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission
Date of Meeting:	October 6, 2008
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas City Hall Committee Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
I. Call to Order	Chair Munzel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
II. Flag Salute	The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance
III. Roll Call	Commissioners Present: Krommenchock, Ku, Matau, Munzel, Serena, and Gray Alternate Absent: Cacao Alternate Present: Mathur Councilmember Absent: Gomez City Staff Present: Aaron Bueno, Recreation Services Supervisor; Salia Lopa, Rosana Cacao; Volunteer Coordinator, Sheldon S. Ah Sing; Senior Planner, Steve Erickson; Associate Civil Engineer, Greg Armendariz; Public Works Director
IV. Seating of Alternates	Alternate Mathur seated.
V. Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda for October 8, 2008 M/S: Gray/Mathur Ayes: 7 Absent: 1
VI. Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes for September 8, 2008 M/S: Krommenhock/Gray Ayes: 7 Absent 1
VII. Public Forum	Larry Voellger, 689 Cardiff Place and Julie Cherry, 2312 Lacey Drive were in attendance on behalf of the (PAC) Public Art Committee and presented 3 art models for Pinewood Park's public art project. The 3 art projects are as follows: Sandblasted Boulders Dan Snyder: Title of the proposed art: "Listen to the Pines" Dan proposes to place approximately 6 boulders at the entrances and strategic locations around the park. The boulders will be smooth surfaces and will be the canvases for sandblasting images and text. Sizes will range from 4x5x2 feet to 3x3x2 feet. A flat rock will have a small sandblasted sundial that will tell time

by placing a stick in a little hole that is marked with the current month. Dan proposes to work with local children to create images that he will sandblast into the existing sidewalks.

Bountiful Arch

Aileen Barr: Title of the proposed art: "The Bountiful Arch"

Aileen proposes to create an arch with seating incorporated into the design. The dimensions would be 8x5x2 feet. The arch, which will have a concrete substrate, will be clad with handmade tile. The tiles will be shaped and carved to depict a variety of plant life. The tiles will be organic in shape, fitting together to create a cohesive design. The designs for the tiles are stylized with detailed relief carving. She proposes to use natural earth colors to enhance the theme of the artwork. She would hold a community workshop, where members of the public would have the opportunity to create tiles that would be incorporated into the design.

Green Tree

Bill Gould: Title of the proposed art: "Green Tree"

Bill proposes to create a whimsical, steel representation of a tree. The sculpture will consist of found and recycled materials. The size will be approximately 12 feet in diameter and 20 feet high. The "tree" will provide shade, branches will move with the wind, reflect light and act as a landmark for the community. The "tree" will provide an example to the community that objects that would normally end up in a landfill can be used to make something provocative, creative and beautiful. Bill proposes to work with the neighbors and the children from Pearl Zanker Elementary School to incorporate their recycled materials (old toys, CDs, glass and metals) into the project and have them help string the "branches".

Larry passed out ballots to the commission to cast their votes. This project should be ready to go early Spring 2009, the PAC will present this to City Council in mid November.

VIII. Announcements and Correspondence

Supervisor Aaron Bueno made the following announcements:

- Spooktacular Halloween Event
Saturday, October 25, 2008
Milpitas Sports Center
12:00-4:00 pm

A Halloween event so fun, it's scary! Milpitas Parks & Recreation Services brings to Milpitas an exciting afternoon that ghosts and goblins of all ages can enjoy. A pumpkin patch, Trick-Or-Treat doors, crafts and movies will entertain everyone in your family. Don't forget to break your costumes out early for our Costume Contest! All this and hauntingly good treats available throughout the day makes Spooktacular an event you won't want to miss!

Schedule of Events

12-12:30 pm	Costume Parade
1:15 pm	P & T Puppet Show
2:45 pm	Mad Science Performance

12-4:00pm	Ongoing activities of games, food, pumpkin patch, pumpkin carving, face painting, Trick-or-Treat Doors and Halloween movies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditions for Rainbow Theatre's Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs will be held on October 7th & 8th from 3:30pm-5:30pm at the Milpitas Community Center. • Milpitas Tidal Waves Swim Team is at enrollment capacity of 103 participants for the month of October. • Chair Munzel introduced Supervisor Aaron Bueno to the commission as our new staff liaison.

IX. Old Business

None.

X. New Business

1. Cancellation of December 1, 2008 PRCRC Meeting

Commission recommending to reschedule the December 1, 2008 meeting to the following Monday, December 8, 2008.

Serena/Matau

2. Youth Sports Grant Request (Aaron Bueno, Parks & Recreation Services Supervisor)

Background:

On June 17, 2008, the Milpitas City Council approved and appropriated \$8,000.00 for the Youth Sports Assistance Fund for the 2008 - 2009 budget year. Included in the Commission packet for review and consideration are two (2) Group Youth Sports Assistance Fund applications.

One (1) Group Youth Sports Assistance Fund application was received from Milpitas Little League Baseball South in the amount of \$1,000, for safety throat guards, catcher's helmets, shin guards, chest protectors and batting helmets to meet National Little League safety requirements.

One (1) Group Youth Sports Assistance Fund application was received from Southpaw Prep Basketball, in the amount of \$1,000, for team travel bags to assist increased summer travel needs.

The applicants meet the eligibility for the grant process. Staff has reviewed the application and found that the requested items meet the application guidelines.

There is currently a **balance of \$7,000** in the 2008 - 09 Youth Sports Assistance Fund.

Laurie Susbilla a representative of Milpitas Little League Baseball South was in attendance to answer any questions of the Commission. Ms.Susbilla informed the commission in order to meet National Little League Safety requirements, they are in need of safety throat guards, catcher's helmets, shin guards, chest protectors and batting helmets.

MOTION to approve the funding of \$1,000 to Milpitas Little League South for safety throat guards, catcher's helmets, shin guards, chest protectors and batting helmets to meet National Little League safety requirements.

M/S: Serena/Mathur

Absent: 1 (Cacao)

Ralph Fields of Southpaw Prep was in attendance to answer any questions of the commission. Mr. Fields stated to the commission that he is trying to elevate the costs from parents and purchase necessary materials. Commission Mathur asked Mr. Fields if this program is year round. Mr. Fields responded that they have the Winter Season off, due to High School basketball schedule, students are not allowed to play for a high school and a traveling team at the same time.

MOTION to approve the funding of \$1,000 to Southpaw Prep for travel team bags to assist increased summer travel needs.

M/S: Matau/Mathur

Absent: (1) Cacao

3. Adopt-A-Spot Program (Rosana Cacao, Volunteer Coordinator)

Ms. Cacao, Volunteer Coordinator provided the commission with a Adopt-A-Spot Program pamphlet. Ms. Cacao informed the commission of important information on this program such as what areas are available for adoption, who can Adopt-A-Spot, how do volunteers help, why you should volunteer and what is required to Adopt-A-Spot. The Adopt-A-Spot program ranges from large areas, such as parks, to smaller areas, such as the section of the street in front of your house. The entire community is eligible to participate in this program, including community groups, service clubs, fraternal organizations, schools, local neighborhood groups, youth programs and local businesses. Volunteering to keep our City clean and beautiful is a great way for you to share not only in the beautification of Milpitas, but in the savings of taxpayers as well, by helping reduce the thousands of dollars spent on litter clean up. In order to Adopt-A-Spot dedication (9 or 12 month commitment) and a desire to take action are the only prerequisites to adopting a spot. The adoption process consist of three simple steps: 1) Submit an Adopt-A-Spot application to the Volunteer Coordinator. 2) Obtain, sign and return an Adopt-A-Spot Agreement and a Liability Release Form. (If you are under the age of 18, you must have a parent's/legal guardian's signature on the liability form.) 3) Upon approval of your proposal, staff will train you so that you may begin work at your adopted site.

4. Consideration of consolidation of two small parks in the Piper-Montague sub-district into one large park (Sheldon S. Ah Sing, Senior Planner)

Mr. Ah Sing, Senior Planner provided the commission with a brief presentation of the consideration of consolidation of two small parks in the Piper-Montague sub-district into one large park. The adopted Transit Area Specific Plan is broken down into various sub-districts. The 49-acre Piper-Montague sub-district includes a plan for two smaller parks. The developers are proposing to consolidate the two parks into one larger three acre park. The concept would create a focal point and also create an area that could be used for more recreational programming than the two smaller parks. The park area is divided between two developers. The Milpitas Station project would offer to dedicate 1.8 acres, while the Citation project would offer to dedicate 1.2 acres. Mr. Ah Sing informed the commission that the park will be accessible at three separate entrances from Piper Drive, Montague Expressway and South Milpitas Boulevard. Mr. Ah Sing added that the large park would have urban residential park trees, benches and maybe a tot lot, passive recreation area and parallel parking with 60 parking spaces.

Recommendation: Recommend to the City Council approval of consolidation of parkland and acceptance of the dedication from the Milpitas Station project.

Krommenhock/Mathur

5. Milpitas Library Informational Plaque (Steve Erickson, Associate Civil Engineer)

Mr. Erickson, Associate Civil Engineer provided the commission with a draft of the Milpitas Library Informational Plaque. The Commission reviewed the draft, Commissioner Krommenhock made a suggestion to add the word Finally and a comma at the beginning of the sentence After serving as the city's senior center for many years, the building was closed for renovation in 2002. The new sentence will now read as follows; Finally, After serving as the city's senior center for many years, the building was closed for renovation in 2002.

Recommendation: Review, comment and provide approval for the informational plaque. Commission approved the informational plaque as amended.

Krommenhock/Serena

6. Alviso Adobe Project Report (Greg Armendariz, Public Works Director)

Mr. Armendariz, Public Works Director provided the commission with a brief report on the progress of the completed tasks and scheduled improvements for the Alviso Adobe building and site surroundings.

Mr. Armendariz began by giving the commission background information on the Alviso Adobe which was built in 1837, a major remodeling of the home was completed in 1853 by the Alviso Family. A wood framed second story was added in 1853. The two story residence consists of a hipped roof and a balcony carried on three sides, with three rooms downstairs and three rooms upstairs. The project will consist of new park improvements, building renovation, public access improvements, an apricot orchard and herb garden, picnic tables, floodwall and the sulfur house will also be relocated to be located completely on City Land. The work completed to date includes Phase 1: 1998 re-roofing, Phase 2: Drainage improvements, waterproofing and French design. The next phase will consist of structural upgrade, exterior restoration and mechanical and electrical improvements. Estimated cost of this project is \$8 million, \$614,138 comes from grants that have been received, \$4.8 million comes from outside sources. Construction phase dates are 4/28/08 – 12/30/09.

XI. Staff Reports

None.

XII. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

None

2. Community Advisory Commission (CAC)

Commissioner Ku reported that the CAC is currently working on setting up a Town Hall Meeting to address the issue of earthquake/disaster safety preparedness on February 5, 2009. The CAC and (Emergency Preparedness Commission) EPC will establish subcommittees to work on various tasks.

3. Senior Advisory Commission (SAC)

None

4. Planning Commission

None

5. Youth Advisory Commission (YAC)

None

6. Milpitas Historical Society

Chair Munzel reported that the Historical Society will meet on Wednesday, October 8th, he added that Santa Theresa Historical Park is under major renovation.

7. Arts Commission

Commissioner Matau reported the Arts Commission is considering 3 artist applications to be hung in the new Library for the grand opening on January 10, 2009. The Commission will vote at their next meeting on October 27th.

8. Park & Recreation Foundation

Commissioners Gray and Serena reported they will be hosting “Festival of Trees” on December 4th from 5:30pm-7:30pm, this event allows businesses, organizations and families to sponsor a Holiday tree with a decorated theme that will be displayed in City Hall’s Rotunda. All trees should be decorated by November 30th. All trees will raise money through silent auction on December 4th, after bidders may take their tree home or to their business for everyone to enjoy. Each sponsor will receive a pamphlet on how to handle the trees. Commissioner Gray opened up the offer to the commission if they are interested in decorating a tree. Commissioner Gray also added that the statue of the flute player will be raffled off on the evening of the auction. Commissioner Gray also announced that the foundation is holding another Dining to Donate event at Applebee’s on Wednesday, October 8th, dine at Applebee’s and 10% of your bill will be donated to Milpitas Parks and Recreation Foundation.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

- **Historical Marker Program (November)**
- **Park Master Plan Update (TBD)**

XIV. Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Munzel adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm to the next scheduled meeting on November 3, 2008, in the Committee Room, City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Salia Lopa
Recording Secretary